

addressing problems related to local pests, weather conditions, and vitamin deficiencies;

Whereas since its implementation in October 1998, the moratorium has blocked more than \$300,000,000 annually in United States corn exports to countries in the European Union;

Whereas the European Union's unjustified moratorium on agricultural biotechnology approvals has ramifications far beyond the United States and Europe, forcing a slow-down in the adoption and acceptance of beneficial biotechnology to the detriment of farmers and consumers around the world, and especially to starving people in the developing world;

Whereas in the fall of 2002, famine-stricken African countries rejected healthy, wholesome, United States humanitarian offers of food aid because of ill-informed health and environmental concerns and fears that future exports to Europe would be jeopardized; and

Whereas the 5-year moratorium on the approval of new agricultural biotechnology products entering the European market is not science based, effectively prohibits most United States corn exports to Europe, violates European Union law, and clearly breaches the rules of the World Trade Organization: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate supports and applauds the efforts of the Administration on behalf of the Nation's farmers challenging the long-standing, unwarranted moratorium imposed by the European Union on the approval of agricultural biotechnology products and encourages the President to continue to press this issue at the G-8 Summit in Evian, France, on June 1 through 3, 2003.

AMENDING THE SELF-RELIANCE ACT OF 2000 AND THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1961

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 106, H.R. 192.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:
A bill (H.R. 192) to amend the Microenterprise for Self-Reliance Act of 2000 and the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to increase assistance for the poorest people in developing countries under microenterprise assistance programs under those Acts, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read the third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

The bill (H.R. 192) was read the third time and passed.

APPOINTMENTS

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, upon the recommendation of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 105-292, as amended by Public Law 106-55, and as further amended by Public Law 107-228, appoints the following individuals to the United States

Commission on International Religious Freedom: Preeta D. Bansal of Nebraska vice Charles Richard Stith, for a term of one year, May 15, 2003-May 14, 2004; Most Reverend Ricardo Ramirez, C.S.B. of New Mexico vice Dr. Firuz Kazemzadeh, for a term of two years, May 15, 2003-May 14, 2005.

MEASURE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR—S. 1104

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I understand that S. 1104 is at the desk and is due for a second reading.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1104) to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for parental involvement in abortions of dependent children of members of the Armed Forces.

Mr. FRIST. I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the measure, and I object to further proceedings.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Objection is heard.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO REPORT LEGISLATIVE AND EXECUTIVE MATTERS

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that, notwithstanding the recess or adjournment of the Senate, committees be authorized to report legislative and executive matters on Thursday, May 29, 2003, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

AUTHORITY TO SIGN DULY ENROLLED BILLS OR JOINT RESOLUTIONS

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that during the adjournment of the Senate, the majority leader or the assistant majority leader be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills or joint resolutions.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

AUTHORIZATION TO MAKE APPOINTMENTS

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that notwithstanding the recess or adjournment of the Senate, the President of the Senate, the President pro tempore of the Senate, and the majority and minority leaders be authorized to make appointments to commissions, committees, boards, conferences, or interparliamentary conferences authorized by law, by concurrent action of the two Houses, or by order of the Senate.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ORDERS FOR MONDAY, JUNE 2, 2003

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Sen-

ate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until 12 noon, Monday, June 2. I further ask that following the prayer and the pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of procedures be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate then begin a period for morning business until 1 p.m. with the time equally divided between the two leaders or their designees; provided that at 1 p.m., the Senate resume consideration of Calendar No. 79, S. 14, the energy bill.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. FRIST. For the information of all Senators, when the Senate reconvenes on Monday, June 2, there will be a period for morning business until 1 p.m. Following morning business, the Senate will resume consideration of S. 14, the energy bill. Pending to the bill is an amendment relating to ethanol. Members who wish to speak to the amendment or the bill itself are encouraged to do so during Monday's session. There will be no votes on Monday. The next vote will be on Tuesday, June 3, and Members will be notified when that vote is scheduled.

As I mentioned earlier, we had a very productive 4 weeks. Again, I thank my colleagues for their hard work. I wish everyone a safe and restful recess.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, JUNE 2, 2003

Mr. FRIST. If there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment under the provisions of H. Con. Res. 191.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 4:57 p.m., adjourned until Monday, June 2, 2003, at 12 noon.

CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate May 23, 2003:

RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

MICHAEL SCHWARTZ, OF ILLINOIS, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD FOR A TERM EXPIRING AUGUST 28, 2007.

NATIONAL MUSEUM SERVICES BOARD

JOHN E. BUCHANAN, JR., OF OREGON, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL MUSEUM SERVICES BOARD FOR A TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 6, 2006.

THE ABOVE NOMINATIONS WERE APPROVED SUBJECT TO THE NOMINEES' COMMITMENT TO RESPOND TO REQUESTS TO APPEAR AND TESTIFY BEFORE ANY DULY CONSTITUTED COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE.

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

STEVEN C. BEEERING, OF INDIANA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL SCIENCE BOARD, NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION, FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE TERM EXPIRING MAY 10, 2004.

RAY M. BOWEN, OF TEXAS, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL SCIENCE BOARD, NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION, FOR A TERM EXPIRING MAY 10, 2008.

ELIZABETH HOFFMAN, OF COLORADO, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL SCIENCE BOARD, NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION, FOR A TERM EXPIRING MAY 10, 2008.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

KAREN JOHNSON, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR LEGISLATION AND CONGRESSIONAL AFFAIRS, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.